

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 NAHA 00222 020942Z

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00
DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 EPG-02 FAA-00 L-03
SS-15 NSC-05 SP-02 H-01 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06
IO-13 /073 W

-----020947Z 033903 /17

R 020808Z JUN 77

FM AMCONSUL NAHA

TO SECSTATE WASH DC 2380

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NAHA 222

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAIR, JA

SUBJECT: CIVAIR:OKINAWANS REQUEST JAA SERVICES BETWEEN OKINAWA
AND TAIPEI

REF: TOKYO 2625

1. SUMMARY. OKINAWAN BUSINESS CIRCLES ARE PETITIONING FOR JAA
SERVICE BETWEEN OKINAWA AND TAIPEI, IN BELIEF THAT PANAM
AND NORTHWEST WILL CONTINUE EXISTING SERVICE AND ADDITIONAL
SERVICE BY JAPANESE AIRLINE WILL ENHANCE OKINAWAN CHANCES OF
OBTAINING GOJ DESIGNATION OF NAHA AS CLASS ONE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT. NORTHWEST AND PARTICULARLY PAA REPS CONSIDER MARKET
FIXED AND SAY JAA WOULD MAKE SERIOUS INROADS INTO THEIR MARKET.

PAGE 2 RHAIBQA3098 C O N F I D E N T I A L

END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT OKINAWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY, OKINAWAN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND OKINAWAN
TOURIST FEDERATION ARE PETITIONING OKINAWAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
OKINAWAN PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED
FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN NAHA AND TAIPEI
BY JAPANESE ASIA AIRWAYS (JAA). PRESS REFERS AMONG OTHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 NAHA 00222 020942Z

THINGS, TO OKINAWAN DISSATISFACTION WITH CURRENT SERVICE BEING
PROVIDED BY NORTHWEST AND PAA; I.E., LATE NIGHT AND EARLY
MORNING DEPARTURES FROM NAHA AND SMALL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS.

3. AT JUNE 1 MEETING WITH CONSUL GENERAL AND LOCAL
MANAGERS OF PAA AND NORTHWEST, KEY REPS OF THESE THREE
OKINAWAN ORGANIZATIONS EXPLAINED BACKGROUND FOR THEIR
PETITIONING FOR JAA SERVICE. THEY EMPHASIZED CONTINUING

OKINAWAN DESIRE THAT PAA AND NORTHWEST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE INTO AND OUT OF NAHA FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE. THEY ALSO STRESSED THAT THEIR DESIRE FOR JAA SERVICE DID NOT DERIVE FROM ANY DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING PAA AND NORTHWEST SERVICE. SAID OKINAWAN INTEREST IN JAA SERVICE STEMMED INSTEAD FROM BASIC OKINAWAN STRONG DESIRE TO PRESERVE

PAGE 3 RHAIBQA3098 C O N F I D E N T I A L

AND UPGRADE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT NAHA. LAST YEAR THEY WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT PAA AND NORTHWEST SERVICE MIGHT TERMINATE ON MAY 15, 1977, EXPIRATION OF FIVE YEAR POST REVERSION PERIOD, BUT THEY NOW EXPECTED CURRENT US/JAPAN CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS TO APPROVE CONTINUED SERVICE BY AMERICAN CARRIERS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT IN LATE 1976 JAA HAD APPEARED ON SCENE TO SAY THAT JAA SERVICE BETWEEN NAHA AND TAIPEI COULD BE ESTABLISHED IF LOCAL COMMUNITY SO DESIRED. THEY THEMSELVES THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ODD TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT NAHA WHICH DID NOT HAVE ANY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BY A JAPANESE AIRLINE. FINALLY, THEY TOLD US THAT THEIR REQUEST FOR JAA SERVICE WAS NOT BASED ON ANY DETAILED RESEARCH OF MARKET FOR FUTURE TRAVEL BETWEEN NAHA AND TAIPEI BUT THAT THEY BELIEVED THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE GROWTH IN MARKET.

4. LOCAL MANAGERS OF NORTHWEST AND PARTICULARLY PAA ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF JAA SERVICE AT NAHA. THEIR TRAFFIC BOTH DIRECTIONS BETWEEN NAHA AND TAIPEI (AND MANILA IN CASE OF NORTHWEST) IS MOSTLY OKINAWAN. THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 NAHA 00222 020942Z

BELIEVE MARKET IS FIXED, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT FOR FUTURE GROWTH, AND THEY SEE NO ECONOMIC CASE FOR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL

PAGE 4 RHAIBQA3098 C O N F I D E N T I A L

AIRLINE. PAA, FOR EXAMPLE, PROVIDES 1100 SEATS OUT OF NAHA TO TAIPEI EVERY WEEK AND PAA CONSIDERS ITSELF FORTUNATE IF IT ACHIEVES 50 PERCENT AVERAGE LOAD FACTOR IN MONTH.

5. AS FAR AS CONGEN CAN DETERMINE, OKINAWANS IN GENERAL CONTINUE/STRONGLY DESIRE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TO NAHA BY AMERICAN AIRLINES AND ARE GOING ON ASSUMPTION, PROBABLY INCORRECTLY, THAT JAA SERVICE WOULD BE AN ADD-ON. THEIR OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE CLEARLY IS TO KEEP AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT NAHA BUT PARTICULARLY TO OBTAIN GOJ APPROVAL FOR UPGRADED STATUS AS CLASS ONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. IN THEIR VIEW, JAA SERVICE IS MEANS TO THAT END. KNOWLES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIR ROUTES, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NAHA00222
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770196-0583
Format: TEL
From: NAHA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770698/aaaadhus.tel
Line Count: 115
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 290c4186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 TOKYO 2625
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2305304
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CIVAIR:OKINAWANS REQUEST JAA SERVICES BETWEEN OKINAWA AND TAIPEI
TAGS: EAIR, TW, JAPAN AIRLINES
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/290c4186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009